

Petition of Nancy to Remain in Virginia, Loudoun County, 1815

To the Honourable the Assembly of Virginia

Nancy

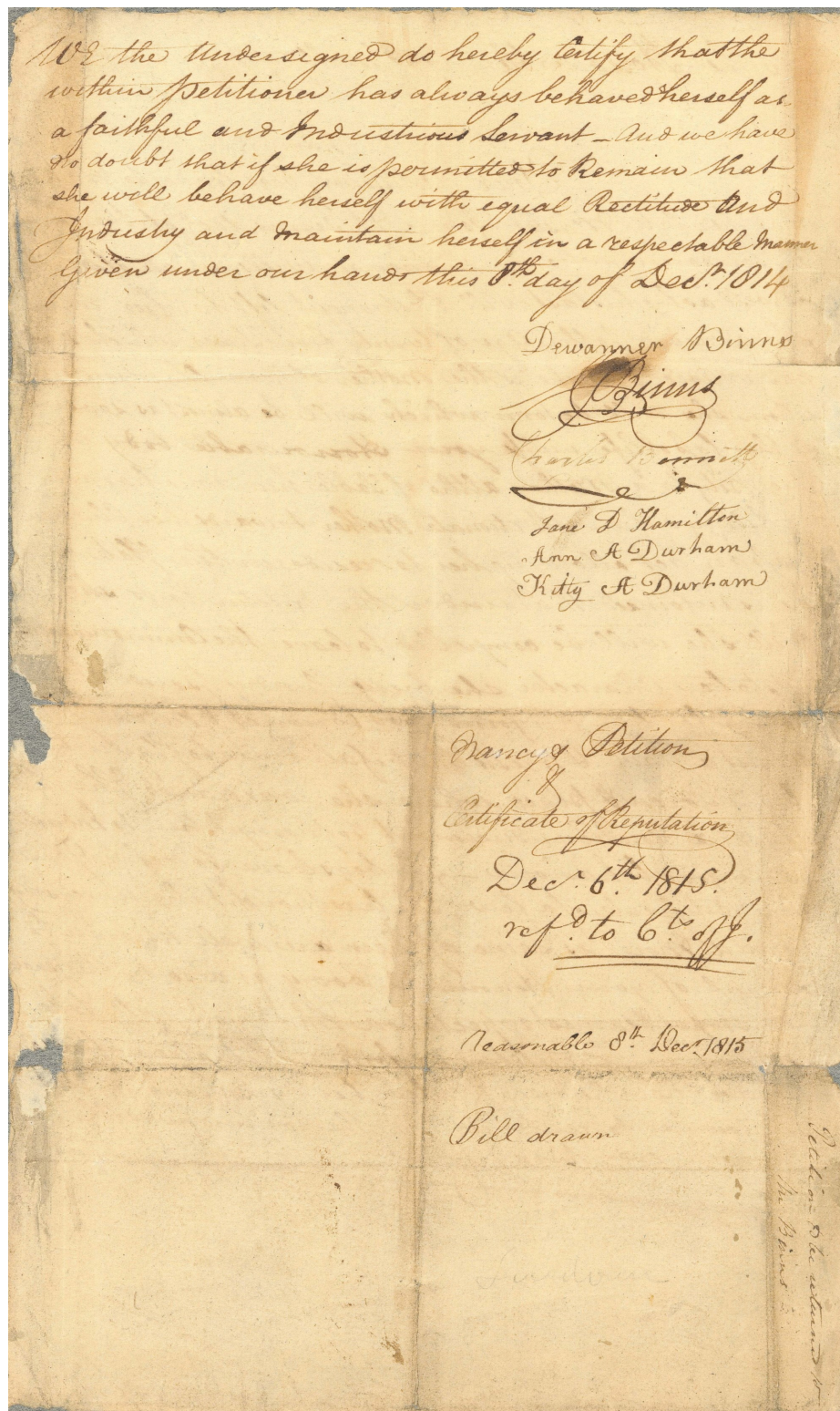
Your Petitioner begs leave to state that her late Master John A. Pimms dec'd of the County of Loudoun who made several wills in all of which as well as by his last will & Testament left her free when she arrived to the age of twenty five years, which period has arrived and she is the mother of three children from whom she will be torn which will be almost as severe as the loss of life unless your Honourable body will show pity to a mother altho of Sable hue who has all the feelings of an affectionate mother towards her children pass an act allowing her to reside in the State as she is informed that under the Existing laws she will she will be compelled to leave the Commonwealth

As to her Character she brings sundry persons to vouch for her uniform good conduct & industry whilst a slave & trusts that if allowed to play with her children & place where she was raised she shall find a double inducement to prompt her to industry and good behaviour - She begs leave to refer you to a Certificate of a few, she has thought it unnecessary to add more as some of them are well known to several of your Honourable body as also in the Senate

In hopes & earnest expectation that you will take pity on your Petitioner's forlorn situation if you will leave her children & relieve her by passing an act to allow her to reside within the Commonwealth she will ever say &c

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